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SUBJECT: POL SITUATION IN WESTERN ZAIRE - RELIEF ON THE ONE

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REF: KINSHASA 1998

1. MOBIL REP DUBRULE INFORMS US THAT PETROLEUM PRODUCT SHORT-AGE IN KINSHASA AND WESTERN REGIONS OF ZAIRE, THREATENED PARA 2. REFTEL, HAS BEEN AVERTED BY DIVERTING WEST AFRICAN REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM (WARP) SHIP TO MATADI. WARP IS COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT BY SERVAL WESTERN OIL COMPANIES WHICH NORMALLY SUPPLIES THE NUMEROUS SMALL VOLUME PETROLEUM CONSUMING COUNTRIES NORTH AND WEST OF ERE ALONG THE WEST AFRICAN COAST.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, NO RELIEF HAS YET BEEN FOUND FOR SUPPLY-ING CRUDE TO MATADI REFINERY (PARA 4 REFTEL) IN SHORT RUN. THUS DUBRULE ESTIMATES REFINERY WILL CLOSE ABOUT MARCH 22 OR 23. AS REFINERY PROVIDES ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF WESTERN ZAIRE'S NEEDS FOR PRODUCTS, ANY SIGNIFICANT DURATION TO SHUT-DOWN WOULD ONCE AGAIN ENTAIL CERTAINTY OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS ON LOCAL POPULATION AND RENEWED POSSIBILITY OF POLITICAL

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